

SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON

ELUCIDATION AND REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL TOPIC, NOV. 29.

The Fame of Solomon, as Set Forth in First Kings x, Verses 1-10—Winning Favor by Right Living.

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CONNECTION.—After a week's study of the words of Solomon we return to his biography. It is impossible to state the precise length of time between the events of the lesson for the 15th and that for to-day. The meager historic links (Ch.

18-20) show a gradual increase of the King's power and wealth. When Hiram completed his work, the King had a fleet of ships, and a great deliberation, twenty cities in Galilee, not altogether acceptable, which, on that account, he called Tabor, Displeasing. The city of Gezer, he sent to his daughter, Solomon's wife, rebuilt and beautified. The remnant of the Amorites, Hittites, and the Givites and Canaanites, who had been neither destroyed nor driven out of the land, were made bondsmen, to do perpetual service to the King. The last attempt to wote an ugly name to the King, was to call him Belshazzar, to represent them under skillful seamen for gold to the land of Ophir, now an unknown country. As an item of special importance it is mentioned that the King had a fleet of ships, and a great deliberation. (II Chr. ix, vii, 12.)

7. VISITATION.—Now to our lesson. Solomon's fame increased year by year, spreading throughout all lands. It was not his wealth or power alone, or these combined, but his wisdom chiefly that attracted the nations. The wisdom which, from former lessons, pertained not merely to secular affairs, but was centered in God, from whom it

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never have been so much as the soldiers of their species, their precious stones, and above all, their encouraging words, to strengthen the heart and hands of Old England. — *Ed. Thos. III. D.*

Statistics.

So many men, on such a date of May,
 Dejected and took their hopeless lives away,
 In such an arena, year after year;
 In such another place it would appear
 The annals cannot register so and so,
 Through August after August, scarce below
 The surface of the earth, and in another cone,
 March after March, it seems there were undone
 As many men, on such a date of May,
 With little varying circumstances in their shame,
 As many men, on such a date of May,
 Had their own avengance as well as these,
 Had from their deaths a lesson to discern,
 The future in the past. We but return
 Upon our steps, all that has been is that which shall be.

Dark prospect, yes! But still someone the round
 Is spiral, and the race's feet have found
 The path is under there, and there they have trod.
 Your facts are facts, yet somewhere there is God.

—W. D. Howells.